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1. [] the Revolutionary Military Council of the Chinese Communist

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Government decided to assign 30 divisions of the Chinese Communist Army with a total of 300,000 men to production and reconstruction work. This decision was made to reduce military expenditures and to consolidate manpower for reconstruction projects. Military expenditures will be reduced by JMP 700 billion annually; reconstruction work is expected to contribute JMP 700 billion annually in goods and services.

2. After a study of the manpower requirements for reconstruction projects and of the defense responsibilities of each military area the following numbers of divisions have been assigned:

- a. Northwest China Military Area, eight divisions.
- b. Southwest China Military Area, five divisions.
- c. East China Military Area, seven divisions.
- d. Central and South China Military Area, four divisions.
- e. Northeast China Military Area, three divisions.
- f. North China Military Area, three divisions.

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3. Of the 30 divisions eight are to be for land reclamation, five for water conservation, ten for the construction and repair of railroads and highways, and seven for civil engineering projects. Included in the 30 divisions are one land reclamation, one water conservation, and one civil engineering division organized before 1952 and attached to the 1 Army Group in Sinkiang.

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Army Group had begun the construction of a new city in Sinkiang.

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